

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

09/872,797

Examiner

Minh Dinh

Applicant(s)

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to the appeal brief filed 4/29/05.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-18.
3. ☐ The drawings filed on _____ are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 6. ☒ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☒ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____

DETAILED ACTION

1. This action is in response to the appeal brief filed 04/29/2005.

Drawings

2. Formal drawings are required.

Allowable Subject Matter

3. Claims 1-18 are allowed.
4. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance. The present invention is directed to a method and system for transmitting authentication information. In particular, independent claim 1 and 13 are directed to a method and system for transmitting a certificate payload comprising at least two certificates; the certificates are issued by two independent certificate authorities (CAs) having no trust relationship between them. The closest prior art, Asay et al (5,903,882), discloses sending two certificates; however, Asay does not disclose that they are issued by two independent CAs having no trust relationship between them. Another prior art, "Project P710", discloses a decentralized CA structure having independent hierarchies of CAs with no common top level CA; however, "Project P710" does not disclose sending two certificates issued by independent CAs.

Independent claim 7 is directed to a method and system for transmitting a certificate payload together with an identification (ID) payload comprising a combination

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of two IDs. The closest prior art, RFC 2409, discloses a key exchange method having two phases. Phase 1 includes the step of transmitting a certificate payload together with an ID payload comprising a single ID. Phase 2 includes the step of transmitting an ID payload comprising a combination of two IDs. However, RFC 2409 fails to disclose a single step of transmitting a certificate payload together with an ID payload comprising a combination of two IDs.

Independent claim 10 is directed to a method and system for transmitting a certificate payload together with a signature payload comprising two signatures that are concatenated with each other. The closest prior art, Asay, discloses transmitting a certificate payload together with a signature payload comprising two signatures; however, Asay fails to disclose that the signatures are concatenated with each other.

The prior art, taken either singly or in combination, fails to anticipate or fairly suggest the limitations of applicant's independent claim, in such a manner that a rejection under 35 U.S.C 102 or 103 would be proper. The claimed invention is therefore considered to be in condition for allowance as being novel and nonobvious over prior art

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Minh Dinh whose telephone number is 571-272-3802.

The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Fri: 10:00am-6:30pm.

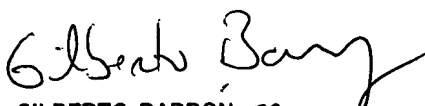
If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Gilberto Barron can be reached on 571-272-3799. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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